

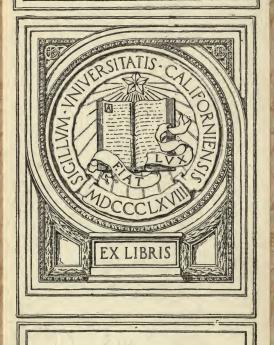


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Scriptural Selections.

For Silent Reading.

THE Lord is nigh unto all that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth.

(Psalm cxlv, 18.)

Wherewith shall I come before the Lord and bow myself before the Most High? He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God.

(Micah vi, 8.)

Thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy: Though I dwell in the high and holy place, yet am I with him who is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to quicken the heart of the contrite.

(Isaiah lvii, 15.)

The strangers that join themselves to the Lord, to serve and to love Him, them will I bring to my holy mountain and make them rejoice in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.

(Isaiah lvi, 6-7.)

Prepare to meet thy God, O Israel.

(Amos iv, 12.)

The place whereon thou standest is holy ground.
(Exodus iii, 5.)

As the hart pants after the water brooks, so longeth my soul for Thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God. Why art thou cast down, O my soul, and why art thou disquieted within me? Hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise Him for the help of his countenance.

(Psalm xlii, 1-2-5.)

O send Thy light and Thy truth; let them lead me, let them bring me unto Thy holy hill and to Thy tabernacles; then will I go unto the altar of God, unto the God of my exceeding joy.

(Psalm xliii, 3-4.

And Abraham said: "Behold now, I who am but dust and ashes have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord."

(Genesis xviii, 27)

Thus saith the Lord: The heaven is my throne and the earth is my footstool; yet will I look to this man, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and obeyeth my word.

(Isaiah 1xvi, 1-2.)

Guard thy foot when thou goest to the house of God and be more ready to hear instruction than to give the sacrifice of fools; for they consider not that they do evil. Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thy heart be hasty to utter anything before God; for God is in heaven and thou art upon earth: therefore, let thy words be few.

(Ecclesiastes iv, 17 v, 1.)

Evening Service for the Sabbath.

Choir:

(Psalm xcii.)

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to Thy name, O most High. To show forth Thy loving kindness in the morning, and Thy faithfulness every night; upon stringed instruments and upon the psaltery, upon the harp with solemn sound. For Thou, O Lord, hast made me glad by Thy doings; in the works of Thy hands I greatly rejoice. How great are Thy works, O Lord, how deep Thy purposes! The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree; he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Planted in the house of the Lord, they shall blossom in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age, full of sap shall they be and flourishing. To make known that the Lord is upright; truly, He is my rock; there is no unrighteousness in Him.

Responsive Reading.

Minister.

O COME, let us sing unto the Lord; let us raise the voice of joy to the rock of our salvation.

Congregation.

- Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving, and sing joyfully to Him with psalms.
- For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised, and beside Him there is no God.
 - In His hand are the depths of the earth; the strength of the hills is His also.
- The sea is His, and He made it; and His hands formed the dry land.
 - O come, let us worship and bow down, let us adore the Lord, our Maker.
- For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the flock of His hand.
 - O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.
- Sing to the Lord; praise His name, show forth His salvation from day to day.

- Honor and majesty are before Him, strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.
- Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord the glory due to His name.
 - O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, reverence Him all the inhabitants of the earth.
- The Lord reigneth, He hath established the world that it shall not be moved.
 - Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad; let the fields be joyful and all that is therein.
- He judges the world with righteousness and nations with His truth.
 - They that love the Lord hate evil; He will preserve the souls of His servants.
- Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.
 - Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holiness.
- He hath remembered His mercy and His truth toward the house of Israel;
 - And all the ends of the earth have seen His salvation.
- Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship at His footstool.
 - The Lord our God is holy.

(Congregation Standing.)

Minister:

Praise ye the Lord, to whom all praise is due!

Choir and Congregation:

Praised be the Lord from this time forth and forever.

(Congregation Sitting.)

Minister:

PRAISE be unto Thee, O Eternal, Ruler of the world, at whose word the shades of evening fall, and by whose will the gates of morn are opened. Thy wisdom established the changes of times and seasons, and ordered the ways of the stars in their heavenly courses. Creator of day and night, Lord of hosts is Thy name. Thou, ever-living God, wilt rule over us forever. Praise be unto Thee, O God, for the day and its work and for the night and its rest.

Infinite as is Thy power, even so is Thy love. Thou didst manifest it unto Israel, Thy servant. By laws and commandments, by statutes and ordinances hast Thou led us into the way of righteousness and brought us to the light of truth. Therefore, at our lying down and our rising up we meditate on Thy teachings and, at all times, rejoice in Thy laws. In them is true life and length of days. O, that Thy love may never depart from our hearts. Praise be to thee, O God, who hast revealed Thy love unto Israel.

(Congregation standing.)

Minister, then Choir and Congregation:

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One. Praised be His glorious name forever and ever.

(Congregation sitting.)

THOU shalt love the Lord, thy God, with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thy heart. Thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt speak of them when thou sittest in thy house, when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. Bind them as a sign upon thy hand, and let them be as frontlets between thine eyes. Write them upon the doorposts of thy house and upon thy gates.

To the end that ye may remember to do according to all my commandments and your life be hallowed unto the Lord. I am the Lord your God.

Responsive Reading or Chanting:

Minister.

E TERNAL truth it is that Thou alone art God, and there is none besides;

Congregation.

And through Thy power alone, has Israel been redeemed from the hands of oppressors.

Wonders without number hast Thou wrought for us, and hast protected us to this day.

Thou hast preserved our soul for life, and hast not suffered our feet to stumble.

- Thy love has watched over us in the night of oppression; and Thy mercy has sustained us in the hour of trial.
 - And now that we live in a land of freedom, may we continue to be faithful to Thee and Thy word.
- May Thy law rule in the hearts of all Thy children, and Thy truth unite them in the bonds of fellowship.
 - Let the righteous of all nations rejoice in Thy grace, and exult in Thy justice.
- O God, Thou art our refuge and our hope; we glorify Thy name now as did our fathers in ancient days.

Choir:

Who is like unto Thee, O God, among the mighty? Who is like unto Thee, glorious in holiness, extolled in praises, working wonders?

God reigneth for ever and ever.

Minister:

As Thou hast redeemed Israel and saved him from arms stronger than his, so mayest Thou redeem all who are oppressed and persecuted. Blessed art Thou, O God, Redeemer of Israel.

Choir:

The children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, and observe it throughout all generations: It is a sign of an everlasting covenant between me and the children of Israel for ever, saith the Lord.

Minister:

PRAISE be to Thee, O Eternal, our God, God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the great, mighty and most high God. Thou bestowest loving kindness upon all Thy creatures; Thou rememberest the goodness of the fathers, and Thou sendest redemption to their descendants for the sake of Thy name. Thou art our help, our redeemer and protector. Praise be to Thee, O God, shield of Abraham.

Thou art mighty, O Lord; Thine is the power to save. In Thy kindness Thou sustainest the living, upholdest the falling, healest the sick, and settest captives free. Thou wilt, of a surety, fulfill Thy promise of immortal life unto those who sleep in the dust. Who is like unto Thee, Almighty, author of life and death, source of salvation. Praise be to Thee, O God, who hast implanted within us immortal life.

Grant, O God, that our rest on this Sabbath may be acceptable to Thee. May we, sanctified through Thy commandments, become sharers in the blessings of Thy word. Teach us to be satisfied with the gifts of Thy goodness and gratefully to rejoice in all Thy mercies. Purify our hearts that we may serve Thee in truth. O help us to preserve the Sabbath as Israel's heritage from generation to generation, that it may ever bring rest and joy, peace and comfort to the dwellings of our brethren, and through it Thy name be hallowed in all the earth. Choir:—Amen.

For the First Sabbath of the Month.

Responsive Reading:

Minister.

O LORD, how manifold are Thy works; in wisdom hast Thou made them all; the earth is full of the riches of Thy bounty.

Congregation.

- From the rising of the sun, even unto the going down thereof, the name of the Lord is praised.
- With God are wisdom and strength, His are counsel and understanding.
 - The heavens are the Lord's, the earth also and all that is therein.
- He made the great lights, the sun to rule by day, the moon and the stars to rule by night.
 - He spake and they were made, He gave a law they cannot transgress.
- He covereth the heavens with clouds and prepareth rain for the earth.
 - He causeth grass to grow for cattle, and herbs for the service of man.
- He bringeth forth food from the earth; wine also to gladden the heart of man.
 - Man goeth forth unto his work and to his labor until the evening.

God ruleth the pride of the roaring sea; when the waves thereof rise, He stilleth them;

He saith: Thus far shalt thou come, and here shall thy proud waves be stayed.

The everlasting God hath laid the foundations of the world; He hath placed the corner-stone thereof.

The Creator of the ends of the earth fainteth not, neither is He weary; there is no searching of His wisdom.

The way of the Lord is perfect, His word is tried, His counsels stand forever.

The Lord liveth. Blessed be the God of our salvation.

Minister:

HEAVENLY Father, we rejoice that amidst the ceaseless cares and anxieties, the vain desires and wearisome struggles of our earthly life, Thy holy Sabbath has been given to us as a day of rest and refreshment of soul. It takes the burden from our shoulders, calls us to the restfulness of Thy house and the joy of Thy worship, and comforts us by Thy gracious message: peace, peace be to those that are far and to those that are near.

We thank Thee for all Thy benefits towards us in the past week; for the preservation of our lives, of our health and our strength; for the blessings of home, of love, of friendship, and for all other good influences which support us in the hour of trial and temptation. Thou sendest us the joys that brighten our days; from Thy hand, also, come the sorrows that cast their shadows over them. In all our experiences we recognize Thy guidance and praise Thy wisdom. O, may this Sabbath bring rest to every disquieted heart and be as a healing balm to every bruised soul.

Thou who hearest prayer, we beseech Thee to endow us with the grace of a contented disposition; and when we pray for new blessings may we ask of Thee in the spirit of humility and submission, remembering that we cannot know if what we ask is really for our good; that Thou alone knowest the future and orderest all things well, whether Thou grantest our petitions or deniest them. When we sing Thy praise, may our souls rise with our songs to Thee, and when we render Thee our homage may we consider that it is only by obedience to Thy commandments, by faithfulness to our duties, by the goodness of our actions that we can make our worship acceptable to Thee.

Look with compassion upon Thy children and grant us that strength of love and purity of purpose that shall enable us to live together in unity, and work together in peace and concord, so that the well-being of all may be promoted, and Thy name, O God, glorified in all the earth. Amen.

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For the Second Sabbath of the Month.

(Psalm viii.)

Minister:

O God, our Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth; Thou hast set Thy glory in the heavens. When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy hands, the moon and the stars which Thou hast ordained: what is man that Thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that Thou visitest him? Yet hast Thou made him but little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of Thy hands; Thou hast put all things under his feet. O God, our Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth!

Responsive Reading:

Minister.

HAPPY is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that increaseth knowledge.

Congregation.

Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to depart from evil, that is true understanding.

The possession thereof is better than silver, and rather to be sought than gold.

Treasures of wickedness profit nothing: the Lord will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish.

The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich; and no sorrow is added thereto.

Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase.

Blessed is the man that considereth the poor: in the evil day the Lord will be his refuge.

If thou enjoy the fruit of the labor of thy hand, blessed art thou, and it will be well with thee.

Let not mercy and truth forsake thee; bind them as an ornament about thy neck; write them upon the tablets of thy heart.

So shalt thou find favor in the eyes of God and man.

Trust in the Lord with all thy heart, and lean not on thine own understanding.

In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.

Hope in the Lord: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thy heart.

Minister:

GATHERED together in Thy house, O God, now that the shadows of evening fall around us, we open our hearts to the sweet and comforting influences of the day blessed by Thee and hallowed for Thy worship.

We thank Thee from our hearts, for all Thy blessings and for the dispensations of Thy providence and the tokens of Thy goodness towards us. Every day we receive of the fulness of Thy bounty; by Thy protection we have passed safely through

the dangers that beset our paths. If we were tried by sorrow and days of anguish were allotted to us, it was not that Thou hadst forsaken us. Thine eye is ever upon us and Thine arm still guides us. In Thine own time, O God, we shall surely say with the ancient seer: I thank Thee, that Thou hast tried me; for now that Thy visitation is past, Thou comfortest me, and I draw waters of joy from the wells of salvation.

We pray for all people who at this hour are in tribulation, in sickness, in want, in danger of body or soul. We name in our hearts those that are nearest to us, and in whose afflictions we are afflicted. Let them see Thy help; and grant them a blessed release from their trials.

May we do what in us lies to lead into the right way the erring and the wayward. May we see in their sins rather the frailty of our common nature than guilt of will; and reach out our hand to the fallen brother. Enlighten our minds that we put to its highest use every gift of Thy hand; that we cherish a good conscience above worldly gains, and a healthy soul above sensual gratification. May we be enabled, by Thy grace, so to order our whole life, that at its eventide we shall look back with a tranquil mind upon the world we leave, and find in the world we enter that perfect rest which Thou hast prepared for the righteous among the children of men.

ANTHEM.

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For the Third Sabbath of the Month.

(Psalm xxiii.) Minister:

THE Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside still waters; He restoreth my soul; and guideth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; Thy rod and Thy staff, O Lord, they will comfort me. Thou preparest a table for me in the sight of my adversaries; Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup of joy runneth over. Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord at all times.

Responsive Reading:

Minister.

BEHOLD, how good and how pleasing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

Congregation.

For there the Lord commandeth His blessing, even life for evermore.

Except the Lord build the house, they that build it labor in vain.

Except the Lord guard the city, the watchmen watch in vain.

Better is a dry morsel and quiet therewith, than a house full of feasting with strife.

Better is the little gotten in the fear of God, than great treasure and trouble therewith.

My son, keep the commandment of thy father, and forsake not the teaching of thy mother.

For the commandment is a lamp and the law is a light, to guide thee in the way of life.

I will walk within my house, in the integrity of my heart.

I will set no wicked thing before me, it shall not cleave to me.

Fret not thyself because of evil-doers to do evil likewise; cease from anger and forsake wrath.

Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright one; for there is a future for the man of peace.

Lord, my heart is not haughty, and my eyes are not lofty; neither do I exercise myself in things too high for me.

I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait for the Lord; and in His promise do I hope.

My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning.

Let Israel hope in the Lord; for with Him there is mercy, and plenteous redemption.

I have set the Lord always before me; He is with me, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad and my glory rejoiceth, my flesh also shall dwell in safety.

For Thou wilt not leave my soul in the grave, Thou wilt show me the path of life. In Thy presence is fulness of joy.

Minister:

N OW that the daily task is laid aside and we are gathered in the house of God, the hush of solemnity comes over us, and we feel a refreshing rest in the holy quiet of the sanctuary. Softer than the twilight calm is that peace that comes to us here with healing on its wings. Like the dew of Mount Hermon falling upon the hills of Zion, it instills new vigor into the tired frame; and the soul, weary from life's stern combats, is refreshed out of the abundance of God's grace. Our daily work is blessed and hallowed by the Sabbath-rest, and dignity is given to labor and to life by Sabbath hours of worship.

When the shades of night veil from our eyes the beauties of the earth, a world of holier splendor opens up before the mind. At eventide, behold there is light. The brightness of the fireside shines forth to tell that a divine spirit of love holds sway. How solemn life with its joys and its trials appears in the light of the duties and affections of home, how greatly all-blessings are enriched; how much all cares and sorrows are softened. It is at this hour, O God, that Thy messenger of peace descends from on high to turn the hearts of the parents to the children, and the hearts of the children to the parents, strengthening the bonds of devotion in the household, and making it a temple worthy of Thy presence.

We thank Thee, O God, for the sanctity of this day, which ever fostered moderation, purity and fidelity in the souls of Israel. The Sabbath light shone into the life of our fathers as a beacon across a storm-tossed sea; it sent its comforting rays into Judah's tents when they were wrapped in the darkness of persecution, and the iron had entered the souls of the martyred race.

Let the day not be less welcome to us, now, that our lot has fallen in brighter times and pleasanter places. Children of happier lands may we nevertheless prize and preserve Israel's heritage that it bring comfort and joy to us and to future generations. May the Sabbath cup be to us a cup of salvation, which we lift up calling upon the name of the Lord. And as this weekly day of rest and worship enjoined by Thy Law has brought blessing to many nations, may it at last unite all men in a covenant of peace and holy fellowship. Amen.

Choir:

How goodly are Thy tents, O Jacob, Thy dwellings, O Israel!

Lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.

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For the Fourth and Fitth Sabbaths of the Month.

(Psalm i.)

Minister:

H APPY the man that walketh not in the counsel of the unrighteous, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of scoffers; but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditateth on His precepts day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, that bringeth forth its fruit in its season, whose leaves do not wither; all that he doeth shall prosper. Not so the unrighteous; they are like chaff, which the wind driveth away. Therefore the wicked shall not stand in judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the just. For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leadeth to ruin.

Responsive Reading:

Minister.

TRULY my soul waiteth upon God, from him cometh my help.

Congregation.

God is my refuge and my glory; He is my strength and my safety.

Trust in Him at all times; pour out your hearts before Him.

· Commit thy ways unto the Lord and He will order all things well.

Show me Thy way, O Lord, teach me Thy paths and lead me in Thy truth.

Whom have I in heaven but Thee, and there is none upon earth that I desire beside Thee.

When my flesh and my heart fail, God is still my strength and my portion forever.

Wait on the Lord, be of good courage and He shall strengthen thy heart.

Create in me a pure heart and renew a right spirit within me.

When many thoughts perplex me, Thy comforts delight my soul.

My times are in Thy hands, and Thou wilt guide and sustain me even unto the end.

How precious is Thy loving-kindness, O God, therefore the children of men hide under Thy wings.

With Thee is the fountain of life; in Thy light shall we see light.

Continue Thy mercy unto them that know Thee, and Thy righteousness to the upright in heart.

Minister:

A LMIGHTY and merciful God! Thou hast called Israel to Thy service and found him worthy to be Thy witness to the peoples of the earth. Give us grace to fulfill this mission with zeal tempered by wisdom and guided by due regard for other men's faith. May our lives prove

the strength of our own belief in the truths we proclaim. May our bearing towards our neighbors, our faithfulness in every sphere of duty, our compassion with the suffering, and our patience under trial, show that He whose law we obey is indeed the God of all goodness, the Father of all men; that His service is perfect freedom, and His worship the soul's purest happiness.

Open Thou, O God, our eyes that we may see and welcome all truth, whether shining from the annals of ancient revelations or reaching us through the seers of our own time; for Thou hidest not Thy light from any generation of Thy children that feel after Thee and seek Thy guidance.

We pray for the masters and teachers in Israel; that they may dispense Thy truth with earnestness indeed, yet not wanting in charity. May the law of love be found on their lips, and may they by precept and example lead many in the ways of righteousness.

Bless, O God, all endeavors, wherever made, to lift up the fallen, to redeem the sinful, to bring back those who wander from the right path and restore them to a worthy life. Truly, O God, we long to adore Thee in the temple of holiness, at the altar of truth and with the offerings of our love. O satisfy us early with Thy mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. Amen.

ANTHEM.

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For Hanukkah-the Feast of Dedication.

(Psalm xxx.)

Minister:

I WILL extol Thee, O Lord, for Thou hast raised me up, and hast not made my foes to rejoice over me. O Lord, my God, I cried unto Thee and Thou hast healed me, and kept me alive that I should not go down to the grave. Sing unto the Lord, O ye pious ones, and give thanks to His holy name. For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for a lifetime; weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning. Thou hast turned my mourning into joy; Thou hast put off my sackcloth and girded me with gladness; to the end that my soul may sing praise to Thee, and not be silent. O Lord, my God, I will give thanks unto Thee forever.

Responsive Reading:

Minister.

THE Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?

Congregation.

The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?

When evil-doers come upon me to destroy me, Even mine adversaries and foes, they stumble and fall. Though a host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear.

Though war should rise against me, even then will I be confident.

If the Lord had not been on our side, let Israel now say;

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when men rose up against us;

Then had they swallowed us up alive, when their wrath was kindled against us;

Then the waters had overwhelmed us, the stream had gone over our soul.

Blessed be the Lord who has not given us a prey to their teeth.

Our soul is escaped out of the snare of the fowler. The snare is broken and we are escaped.

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Thou savest the afflicted people and the haughty Thou bringest low.

Thou lightest my lamp, the Lord my God lighteth my darkness.

For who is God save the Lord, and who is a rock besides our God?

God girdeth me with strength and maketh my way perfect.

The Lord liveth, blessed and exalted be the rock of my salvation.

I will sing praise unto Thy name forevermore.

Minister:

(From II. Maccabees.)

T was on the fifteenth day of the month of Kislev, when King Antiochus of Syria had set up an idol upon the altar of God, and had incense burnt in its honor. And he gave order that the people of Judea should forsake their Law and the covenant and profane the Sabbath and pollute the sanctuary. And many chose rather to die than to forsake the holy covenant. And the king's officers came to the city of Modin, and they said to Mattathias, the son of John, the son of Simon the Hasmonean, a priest of the sons of Joarib who dwelt in Modin: "Thou art a ruler in the city. Go, then, and fulfill the king's command and sacrifice as all the heathens have done, and as also the men of Judea and Jerusalem did. So shalt thou be of the number of the king's friends." But Mattathias answered and spake with a loud voice: "Though all the nations that are under the king's command obey him and fall away every one from the religion of their fathers, yet will I and my sons and my brethren walk in the covenant of our fathers. God forbid that we should forsake the Law to depart from our faith, either to the right or to the left." And when one of the Jews came in the sight of all to sacrifice to the idol, Mattathias was inflamed with zeal, neither could he forbear to show his anger, and he slew him, and also the king's commissioner, and the altar he pulled down. And Mattathias cried throughout the city with a loud voice saying: "Whosoever is zealous of the Law and maintaineth the covenant let him follow me." So he and his sons fled into the mountains, and they went about pulling down the heathen altars, and they recovered the Law out of the hand of the Gentiles.

Now Mattathias was greatly advanced in age; he had passed his hundredth year, and his dying hour drew near. He said to his sons: "Be ye zealous for the Law and give your lives for the covenant of your fathers. Remember what our fathers did in times gone by. Was not Abraham found faithful in temptation, and it was accounted to him for righteousness? Phineas, our father, obtained for his zeal the covenant of an everlasting priesthood. Ananias, Azarias and Mishael were by their faith saved out of the flame, and Daniel from the mouth of lions. Throughout all the ages none that put their trust in God were overcome. Therefore be strong, my sons, and show yourself men in behalf of the Law; for by it shall ye obtain glory." So he blessed them and was gathered to his fathers.

Then Judas, called Maccabee, rose up in his stead, and all his brethren aided him, and they fought courageously the battle of Israel. He put on a breast-plate as a giant, and girt his warlike armor about him. He battled like a lion, and the wicked shrunk for fear of him. He cheered Jacob by his mighty acts, and his memorial is blessed

orever. And when all the people feared and trembled at the sight of the great multitude of the enemy's hosts, and said: "How shall we be able, being so few, to fight against so many people and so strong?" Judas answered: "With the God of heaven it is all one to deliver us with a large number, or with a small one. Let all the nations know that there is One who will forever save and protect Israel." And Judas led them into battle, and behold, the hosts of the enemy were vanquished and they fled. And Israel had a great deliverance. And they sang songs of thanksgiving, and praised the Lord of heaven for His goodness, because His mercy endureth forever.

And on the five and twentieth day of Kislev, the same day when three years before the altar of God had been profaned by the heathen, the sanctuary of God was dedicated anew with songs and music, and the people praised the God of heaven who had given them great victory, and they celebrated the Dedication of the Altar for eight days, and there was great rejoicing among the people. Moreover, Judas and his brethren with the whole congregation of Israel ordained that the days of the Dedication of the Altar should be celebrated from year to year for eight days in gladness and thanksgiving.

Choir:

Kindle the taper, like the steadfast star
Ablaze on evening's forehead o'er the earth,
Send through the night its luster till afar
An eightfold splendor shine above thy hearth.
Clash, Israel, the cymbals, touch the lyre,
Blow the loud trumpet and the clear-tongued horn!
Chant psalms of victory till the heart takes fire;
The Maccabæan spirit leaps newborn.

Minister:

WE praise Thee this day, O Lord our God, for the great mercy Thou didst exercise on behalf of our persecuted forefathers. When they had been brought to the very brink of destruction, and no hope seemed to remain, Thou didst contend for them, judge their cause and avenge their wrongs; Thou didst make the wickedness of the tyrant recoil upon his own head whilst the oppressed were restored to their rightful liberty. The voice of triumph and salvation was heard in the tents of the righteous, saying: The right hand of the Lord hath done valiantly; the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the Lord hath indeed chastened me, but He hath not given me over unto death. Thy temple was purified from idols, and dedicated anew to Thy holy service. Therefore we extol Thee for this great deliverance. Truly, we are Thy servants; unto Thee we offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and we invoke Thy name. Thou, O God, hast not changed, neither is the house of Israel consumed.

The Blessing over the Lights.

BLESSED be Thou, O God, Ruler of the world, who didst wondrous things for our fathers at this season in days of yore.

Blessed be Thou, O our God, who hast granted us life, sustained us and permitted us to celebrate this joyous festival.

Choir: - Amen.

The people that walked in darkness saw a great light; they that dwelt in the shadow of death, upon them Thy light shone.

Minister:

WHILST we render unto God the glory due to Him, we also honor the memory of those who gave their lives that their nation might live and Israel's faith endure. Before these lights, fit symbols of the rays which their daring shed into the gloom of their misery, we would be filled with a like spirit of devotion to the weal of this our country. How often since that time have Israel's sons and daughters borne the scorn and fury of the world and sealed their love of God with their heart's blood! Innumerable are these martyrs for soul liberty. Their graves, unknown and unhonored, cover the face of the earth. Neither want, nor pain, nor scourge, nor dungeon, nor exile, nor flames could make them forsake the covenant of their fathers. Their remembrance shall never fade from the heart of Israel.

Choir:-Amen.

'HANUKKAH-HYMN.

(Ancient Melody.)

ROCK of Ages, let our song
Praise Thy saving power;
Thou, amidst the ranging foes,
Wast our shelt'ring tower.
Furious they assailed us,
But Thine arm availed us.

And Thy word
Broke their sword
When our own strength failed us.

Kindling new the holy lamps,
Priests approved in suffering,
Purified the nation's shrine,
Brought to God their offering.
And his courts surrounding
Hear, in joy abounding,
Happy throngs
Singing songs
With a mighty sounding.

Children of the Martyr-race,
Whether free or fettered,
Wake the echoes of the songs
Where ye may be scattered.
Yours the message cheering,
That the time is nearing
Which shall see
All men free,
Tyrants disappearing.

ADORATION.

(Congregation standing.) Minister:

LET us adore the ever-living God, and render praise unto Him who spread out the heavens and established the earth, whose glory is revealed in the heavens above and whose greatness is manifest throughout the world: He is our God, and there is none else.

Choir.

We bow our head and bend our knee and magnify the King of kings, the Holy One, the Everblest.

(Congregation sitting.) Minister.

May the time not be distant, O God, when Thy name shall be worshiped in all the earth, when unbelief shall disappear and error be no more. We fervently pray that the day may come upon which all men shall invoke Thy name; when corruption and evil shall give way to purity and goodness; when superstition shall no longer enslave the minds, nor idolatry blind the eyes; when all inhabitants of the earth shall perceive that to Thee alone every knee must bend and every tongue give homage. O may all, created in Thine image, recognize that they are brethren, so that they, one in spirit and one in fellowship, may be forever united before Thee. Then shall Thy Kingdom be established on earth, and the word of

Thine ancient seer be fulfilled: The Eternal shall rule forever and aye.

Congregation:

On that day the Eternal shall be One, and His name shall be One.

Minister:

A LL you who mourn the loss of loved ones, and, at this hour remember the goodness, the hope and the sweet companionship that has passed away with them, give ear to the word of comfort spoken to you in the name of your God. Only the body has died and has been laid in the dust. The spirit lives and will live on forever in the land of undisturbed peace and perfect happiness. But in this life, also, the loved ones continue in the remembrance of those to whom they were precious. Every act of goodness they performed, every true and beautiful word they spoke, is treasured up and becomes an incentive to actions by which the living honor the dead.

And when you ask in your grief: Whence shall come my help and my comfort? then, in the strength of faith, answer with the Psalmist: "My help cometh from God," who will not forsake me, nor leave me in my grief. Upon Him I cast my burden, and He will grant me strength according to the days He has apportioned to me. All souls are His, and no power can take them out of His hands. Come, then, and in the midst of sympathizing fellow-worshipers, rise, and hallow the name of God.

(The mourners standing and speaking with the Minister.)

EXTOLLED and hallowed be the name of God throughout the world which He has created, and which He governs according to His righteous will. Just is He in all His ways, and wise are all His decrees. May His kingdom come, and His will be done in all the earth.

Congregation:

Blessed be the Lord of life and righteous Judge for evermore.

Minister:

To the departed whom we now remember, may peace and bliss be granted in the world of eternal life. There may they find grace and mercy before the Lord of heaven and earth. May their souls rejoice in that ineffable good which God has laid up for those that fear Him, and may their memory be a blessing unto those that cherish it.

Congregation:

Amen.

Minister:

May the Father of peace send peace to all troubled souls, and comfort all the bereaved among us.

Congregation:

Amen.

Alfernate Services.

I. INTRODUCTORY.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY AND INTRODUCTORY HYMN.

READER: How beautiful are Thy tents, O Jacob! Thy tabernacles, O Israel! We enter Thine house, O God, with faith in Thy loving kindness. The Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silent before Him. O Lord, we love Thy dwelling-place and the abode sanctified by Thy holiness. O Lord, there is none like Thee in the heavens above and on the earth beneath, who keepest the covenant and the kindness for Thy servants that walk before Thee with all their heart. We bow down before Thee, we offer our supplications and bless the Eternal God our Creator. Accept our prayers, O Father, at this time, in the fulness of Thy grace; give ear unto us and help us. And may the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable before Thee, O Eternal, our Rock and Redeemer forever. Amen.

CHOIR: Amen.

II. PRAISE.

Psalms: xcii, xcvi-xcviii.

READER: It is a good thing to give thanks unto God, and to sing praises unto Thy name, O most High!

Cong: To proclaim Thy loving kindness in the morning and Thy faithfulness every night.

READER: O come let us sing unto the Lord; let us joyfully praise the Rock of our salvation.

Cong: Let us come in His presence with thanksgiving and sing joyfully to Him with psalms.

READER: For the Lord is a great God; yea, a great King over all the earth.

Cong: In His hands are the depths of the earth; His also are the depths of the mountains.

READER: The sea is His and He made it; the dry land also, His hands have formed.

Cong: O come let us worship and bow down, let us bow down before the Lord our Maker.

READER: For He is our God; and we are the people of His pasture, and the flock of His hand; O that you would now hear his voice.

Cong: O sing unto the Lord a new song; sing unto the Lord all the earth.

READER: Proclaim His glory amongst the nations, His wonders among all people!

Cong: For the Lord is great and highly exalted; and beside Him there is no God.

READER: Give unto the Lord, ye families of the people, give unto the Lord glory and praise!

Cong: Give unto the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering and come into His courts.

READER: O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, stand in awe before him, all ye earth.

Cong: Say among the nations the Lord is King. He will judge the nations in righteousness.

READER: The heavens declare his righteousness, and all nations behold His glory.

Cong: Zion hath heard and is glad, and the daughters of Judah exult on account of Thy judgments, O Lord.

READER: For Thou, O Lord, are most high above the earth, Thou art far exalted above all powers.

Cong: Ye that love the Lord hate evil! He preserveth the lives of His servants and delivereth them from the hands of the wicked.

READER: Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.

Cong: Rejoice, O ye righteous in the Lord, and praise His holy name!

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HYMN-THE SABBATH.

I.

Holy Sabbath rest!
Pious lips hail thy advent.
Thee in love our God has sent,
Mind and heart of man to guard,
And to lead him heavenward.

II.

Holy Sabbath joy!
O our yearning souls inspire;
Warm us with Thy heavenly fire,
That in sacred hymns of praise
We to God our hearts upraise.

III.

Father everlasting!
From Thy holy throne of grace
To Thy children turn Thy face,
Bless this day that it may be
Emblem of eternity.

III. BENEDICTIONS.

READER: Bless ye the Lord the ever-blessed!

Cong. and Choir: Blessed be God the ever-blessed, forever and aye.

READER: O, Eternal our God, the Creator of all things, Thou hast called forth the earth out of chaos and peopled it with living beings who worship Thee and glorify Thy name. The wondrous light that in the morning floods through the gates of the east heralds the approach of day, when all nature wakes, and each creature gives praise unto the Creator; and the eventide brings rest from care and labor, and the unfolding of the majesty of the illimitable expanse with its myriads of stars. Even thus, at morning and at eventide do we Thy children recognize the strength of Thy eternal word grafted upon creation; forbidding it to pass the bonds which Thou hast set. Thy wisdom, O Eternal and Infinite One, is known to us in the changes of tides and seasons, in the setting of the stars within their spheres, in the rising of the sun and the setting thereof, in the majestic truth we read in the page of nature, that while the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat,

and summer and winter, and day and night, shall not cease. And should we, created in Thy image, not recognize the paternal love that guideth with supreme and infallible intelligence? We profess a knowledge of this love which Thou hast expressed in the statutes and commandments which are our guides through life. Therefore, O God our Father, we will ponder Thy law at our lying down and our rising up; we will rejoice in the knowledge that obedience to Thy statutes gives life and length of days, and daily shall we proclaim the glory and majesty of Thy name.

READER: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God the Lord is one.

Cong. and Choir: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God the Lord is one.

READER: And thou shalt love the Lord Thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thy heart. And thou shall teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt speak of them when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt write them as a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes, and thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thine house and upon thy gates.

IV. SABBATH REFLECTIONS AND PRAYER.

THE RABBI: Holy Sabbath rest! Has the Allfather given a greater gift to His children? A crown-decked queen is she, an angel sent from the realms of divine purity. When the day is done, and turmoil has ceased, and the wheels of industry have stopped their noisy revolutions, the weary frame seeks the refreshing couch to gain strength for the coming morning. Then deep sleep falls upon all nature; and the silence of the night as eloquently as the many tongues of day proclaims the mercy of God. Sacred is the rest of man and beast; it is the healing balm sent by love divine to exhausted nature. How much more, then, should we recognize the divine character of the Sabbath. when on it we are to cease from all labor! How beautiful this privilege that we may assemble to hail this Sabbath queen. She teaches us that our Father has not destined us for toil alone. Labor is honorable and dignified, and the son of toil fulfills his mission. Yet we do not live by bread alone, but gain higher and purer life by obeying the behests of the Omnipotent, by spreading light and

truth amongst the children of men. And to accomplish this holy task we must purify ourselves. The Sabbath brings rest to the body, purity to the spirit. From week to week the opportunity comes to us to be more than laborers for bread. Ourselves seekers after truth, humbly following the light that proceeds from the eternal fountain, the Sabbath brings us the requisite vigor to scatter the seeds of salvation and righteousness amongst our fellow men. Then let us adore God for His goodness. He alone gives rest to the weary. He puts love-freighted sleep upon the eyelids, and recalls us day by day to noble labor and honorable endeavor. He guides our footsteps with wise counsel. He saves us for the sake of His name, and shields us from all unhappiness; from the enemy who oppresses, from the pestilence that brings death, from the sword that smites, from famine and from sorrow; and He shelters us forever beneath His never-failing mercy.

CHOIR: He is our God, and there is none beside Him.

RABBI: "And the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, and observe it, throughout their generation, as an everlasting covenant." May the Holy Sabbath bring us a pure heart, and renew a proper spirit within us. May the children of God, the flock of His pasture passing beneath His hand, give thanks from Sabbath to Sabbath unto the ever active, ever beneficent Father who shall lead His children unto the last generation, and whose providence shall endure unto eternity.

And we pray that we may in our day behold the glorious witness of His power which shall banish all impurity from the earth and shall cause all idolatry to be destroyed. Then, O Heavenly Father, shall all the children of men turn unto Thee, and the world shall be full of Thy knowledge as the waters cover the sea. Then shall all men know the good tidings that Thy kingdom is established upon earth and Thou alone shalt be King and Thy children shall proclaim with one consent: The Lord shall reign forever and ever. And it is also written: And the Lord shall be King over all the earth; on that day the Lord alone shall be acknowledged and His name shall be one.

CHOIR:

Let all creation gladsome tidings ring, The Lord alone forever shall be King.

V. THE MOURNERS' SERVICE.

All ye who mourn a recent loss, and ye who commemorate the departure of your dear ones, be comforted and consoled. Man born of woman is short of days and full of trouble. He cometh forth as a flower and is cut down. He fleeth also as a shadow and remaineth not. God alone determines our days and fixes the number of our months. God has given and God has taken away, let His name be blessed. Recall your beloved dead with affection. Let their memory be an inspiration to you. Remember their good deeds, and seek to emulate them. Even though they have passed through the valley of the shadow of death, yet are they not dead but abiding forever with God the eternal. Let not your spirits droop nor your heart be anxious, for God is good and merciful. After the midnight of your sorrow will come the morning of your consolation. God alone can change your tears to rejoicing. Whilst you tread the path of life know ye not that it leads unto death? God has wisely ordained that the eternal spirit of man shall rejoin its Maker and when life's journey is over He giveth His beloved rest. Be comforted then and let your hearts not murmur against God but in pious submission to His holy will and in loving hope of life everlasting rise ye and with me glorify the name of the most high God.

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